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<b>Holy Communion</b> is the Lord's Supper for the Lord's People: "All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." We are practicing head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction.	
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### **The Prayers**

A: Let us pray to our victorious Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence*

A: Lord Jesus, grant that your holy Church may always abide in you, and you in it. Make it fruitful in words of faith and hope, and deeds of love. Through its witness, graft many souls to yourself, the living Vine. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You are the vine, we are the branches. Keep the people of this congregation united to you and to one another. Help our ministries to bear much fruit in the lives of those around us. Give us joy in

knowing and serving you, our Savior and Brother. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Prune the hearts of all who take counsel for the nations. Cut away the greed, pride, and lust for power that leads to hatred and violence. Build up everything that enriches the lives of the poor and dispossessed. Grant that the desire to do your Father's will might abide in the hearts and minds of leaders and peoples everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You have overcome the world; therefore, be the joy and strength of all those who defend us against those things that still trouble our world. Guide, protect, and strengthen them. Prosper all their works that make for peace, safety and justice; and bring them home safely and soon. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Grant to all who suffer in mind, body or spirit a double portion of your life-giving Spirit. Especially we pray for: [NAMES]. Fill them with your abundant life; keep them steadfast in faith; and strengthen & bless all who care for them. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord Jesus, those who abide in you shall never have death be the last word over them. We thank you for speaking your words of forgiveness and eternal life to all who have fallen asleep in you. Abide with us and in us; and lead us to that place where we shall dwell with you and with all the redeemed, and shall feast at you heavenly Table forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen from the dead and dwell in majesty with your Father & the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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## Psalm 150 — Responsively

L: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

**C: Praise him in his mighty heavens!**

L: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**C: Praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

L: Praise him with trumpet sound;

**C: Praise him with lute and harp!**

L: Praise him with tambourine and dance;

**C: Praise him with strings and pipe!**

L: Praise him with sounding cymbals;

**C: Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

L: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

**C: Praise the Lord!**

## WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Scott Schilbe

Liturgist/Assisting Minister: Dallas Groten (Seminararian)

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Dallas Groten

Communion Server: Jenna Serr

Ushers: Arne Nelson & Creig Anderson

Acolyte: Emma Matzke

Sound: Lee Pearce

Treats: Jenna Serr

Coffee: Judy Pearce

Set-Up: Julie Steffenson

Take-Down: Janet Sunde & Friends

**Byron Parade:** Interested in being a part of the Emmanuel Parade Team? The Byron Parade will be held on Sunday, July 22 at 3pm. Last year was FUN! This year will be even better! Contact Jenna Serr if you're interested in participating.



Worship—Eve of  
Easter V  
April 28, 2018  
6:00 p.m.

## Lutheran Book of Worship

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

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\*Gathering Hymn: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #559

\*Greeting Page 78

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\*Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God" Page 79

\*Salutation & Prayer of the Day Page 82

P: Let us pray. Life-giving God, through the blessed gift and sacrament of Holy Baptism, you abide in us, even as we abide in you. Through this holy and mutual abiding you give us life in Christ and strengthen and nurture our faith just as a vine gives life to its branches. Help us to grow in Christ so that we may be sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 150 Bulletin Page 4

Second Lesson: I John 4:1-11

\*Gospel Verse: "Alleluia" Page 83

\*Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

Children's Message: "Look! Water!"

Sermon: "Hallelujah!" Rev. Steffenson

\*Hymn of the Day: "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!" #147

\*Confession of Faith: "Apostles' Creed" Page 85

### Acts 8:26-40 — The Spirit Led Philip

26 An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. 27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, & he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” 30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” 31 And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” 34 And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### I John 4:1-11 — Test the Spirits

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the

world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading—John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 15th Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 [Jesus said,] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, & my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit & so prove to be my disciples.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Thanks** for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word and Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**  
**Eve of Easter V – 6 pm**

***“Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing  
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily life!”***



**Communication Cards & Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also used as visitor/communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members and visitors may use the envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks

**THANKS:** We launched our Emmanuel Building Fund on Easter Monday, April 2. Thanks is offered to all who have given a second mile gift to this fund. Current balance is \$66,700. Goal: \$100,000.

**6th Annual Mega Kid's Camp:** An amazing camp for kids, including Creative Arts, Horses, Legos, and Adventure Games & Sports will be held in the summer of 2018 (Monday, July 16th - Thursday, July 19th, from 8:45am-Noon each day) at Century High School. This year's theme is "Team Spirit". Youth (Preschool age 4-Grade 6) will learn how to be great teammates through both sports stories and Bible stories about Jesus and his team of disciples. Cost: \$25.00 per child. Registration opened on April 2. Call Evangel Methodist for more info. (507-289-4817).

**Women's Bible Study:** New study, new time, & new location. A 6 session study on the "Great Commissions" of the Bible began on Thursday, April 19. Session Three is on May 10 at 10am at The Bridgemoor Pavilion (Bldg. #5520) of the Homestead of Rochester (Residence of Nancy Stanley).

**Saturday School & G.I.F.T.** — G.I.F.T. and Saturday School meet weekly on Saturday nights at 5:10pm. Julie is teaching our little ones Bible Stories. Pastor Dave is teaching grades 3-8 a class on Creation and Fall, using C.S. Lewis' book, "The Magician's Nephew". The Adults are discussing the "Truth about Islam".

**Dinners for 6-8:** Opportunity will be given to members of Emmanuel to enjoy mealtime fellowship & conversation regarding the Missional Growth of our congregation. "Why are we here and where is God taking us?" Our best years are always ahead of us!

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** Men of Emmanuel are looking at the Book of Acts on Tuesdays at 8am and discussing the gift of Witnessing in Daily Life. They meet at Oasis Church weekly for conversation & coffee.

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

The love of Christ is shown to the world by the way His people live their lives — the way we live our lives. Nothing good can be done apart from God. It is the Spirit of God that leads us into opportunities to share this love, as is evidenced by the way in which Philip was led to meet the Ethiopian and explain the Good News to him. God desires that all people would come to know him and be a part of the Kingdom's true vine.

## **Giving Statements**

First Quarter Giving Statements are ready. Please pick yours up tonight. You will notice that gifts to the Building Fund are not included unless your gift was received in March. If you have any questions regarding your gifts to Emmanuel, please contact our Financial Secretary, Deb Vomhof. Thanks for generous living!

**The May Emmanuel Prayer  
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are  
both available in print! Also, pick up  
your copy of the current "Our Daily  
Bread" Devotional.**

## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Sat, April 28—G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Easter V Worship at 6pm with Liturgist Dallas Groten
- Tues, May 1—Men's Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am)
- Wednesday, May 2 Madonna Towers Worship at 1pm
- Sat, May 5—G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Easter VI Worship at 6pm
- Sun, May 6— Council & spouses Retreat (1-5pm); Council Mtg.
- Women's Bible Study on Thursday, May 10 at the Homestead of Rochester (10am)

## **Seminarian Dallas Groten**

Dallas Groten lives in Spring Valley, MN. He has served several congregations over the years as a commissioned lay associate in ministry and as a youth counselor. He and Pastor Steffenson have both served as pulpit supply for Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wykoff. Dallas has also been involved in camping ministry and was program director at Good Earth Village during its early years of existence. He has been a guidance counselor & head track coach at Wykoff Public Schools and has authored four books (see below). He recently retired from a 26 year career with Workforce Development, Inc. as a career counselor and area manager. Dallas and his wife Caroline have a son and daughter who are both married, and three grandchildren. They are members of First English Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Spring Valley. He is currently pursuing a certificate in Pastoral Ministry from the Institute of Lutheran Theology (ILT), Brookings, SD, to better equip him to testify to the gospel of the grace of God wherever the Lord Jesus may send him. Dallas is deeply honored and grateful to assist with worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

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